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SUBJECT: AIDES MEMOIRE AND EXPLANATION OF ZAMBIA VOTE

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1. MEETING TOOK PLACE AS SCHEDULED AT 11 A.M, AUGUST 3 BUT WITH PARTICIPATION ON NIGERIAN SIDE OF H.B. MUSA, NEW DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT, AND Z.P.J. OBEBE, VETERAN DEPUTY DIRECTOR. ON AFTERNOON AUGUST 2, MEA HAD CALLED TO SUBSTITUTE MUSA FOR ACTING PERMSEC AMBASSADOR JOLAOSO.

2. I STATED PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO DISCUSS OUR RECENT ABSTAINING ON ZAMBIAN RESOLUTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL, KOREAN REUNIFICATION AND PUERTO RICO COMMONWEALTH STATUS. MUSA SAID ALL THREE TOPICS TIMELY, ESPECIALLY FIRST AS OUR JULY 30 ACTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL HAD BEEN DEFINITE DISAPPOINTMENT. AFTER CITING ALL POINTS LISTED IN REF. C, I EXPANDED ON FINAL POINT CONCERNING "SERIOUS EFFORTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY TO SOLVE SOUTHER AFRICA'S PROBLEMS." MENTIONED EXAMPLES OF POST-LUSAKA SPEECH ACTIONS AND POINTED OUT NECESSITY OF ENCOURAGING POSITIVE FORCES WITHIN SOUTHER AFRICA WHICH HELPFUL TO MUTUAL NIGERIAN-US OBJECTIVES. EXAMPLE OF LATTER WAS RECENT THERON REPORT WITH ITS STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS TOWARD MORE RACIAL JUSTICE. MUSA HAD NOT KNOWN OF THIS REPORT AND ASKED THAT I INFORMALLY SUPPLY HIM WITH ANYTHING I

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COULD FIND ON THE SUBJECT. (I AM SENDING HIM NEWSPAPER SUMMARIES.)

3. HANDING OVER THE TWO AIDE MEMORIES, PLUS SECRETARY'S JULY 22 SPEECH TEXT, I BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED EACH. REGARDING KOREA, MUSA COMMENTED THAT NIGERIA, ALONG WITH A GROWING MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES, FELT VERY SYMPATHETIC TO REUNIFICATION OF DIVIDED NATIONS. OBEBE ADDED THAT NIGERIA WAS WHOLLY OPPOSED TO THE "BALKANIZATION OF PEOPLES," ESPECIALLY AFTER SEEING THAT SUCCESSFUL REUNIONS COULD TAKE PLACE, "AS EXEMPLIFIED BY VIET-NAM AND NIGERIA." MY ANSWER WAS THAT REUNIFICATION OF PEOPLES WAS LAUDABLE IF RIGHTS, JUSTICE, AND EQUALITY WERE PRESERVED. MUSA THOUGHT NIGERIA WOULD SUPPORT JOINT US, PRC, NORTH KOREA, SOUTH KOREA TALKS AS SENSIBLE APPROACH. A FAVORED CONDITION, HOWEVER, WAS THAT US ARMED FORCES SHOULD FIRST LEAVE SOUTH KOREA. THE ISSUE WAS ADMITTEDLY OLD HAT TO MUSA WHO SMIL-

INGLY ADMITTED HIS ENJOYMENT AS A SPECTATOR TO THE "CLASING OF SWORDS" OVER KOREA IN LAST YEAR'S UNGA. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO THIS YEAR'S ROUND AND TO OTHER ASSORTED JOYS IN NEW YORK.

4. REGARDING PUERTO RICO BOTH MEA OFFICIALS NODDED AFFIRMATIVELY AT MY PRESENTATION AND OFFERED NO FURTHER DISCUSSION.

5. MUSA WILL BE ONE OF A NINE-MAN MISSION TO THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO. MOST OF THE NIGERIAN GROUP WILL LEAVE LAGOS AUGUST 6, WHILE GARBA WILL DEPART AUGUST 7. MUSA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE US VIEWS AND PROMISED TO KEEP THEM WELL IN MIND.

6. OBEBE TURNED TO THE SUBJECT OF LAW-OF-THE SEA AND STATED HIS APPRECIATION IF THE USG WOULD CONSIDER SUPPORTING NIGERIA AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL. MUSA REINFORCED THIS BY SAYING MEMBERSHIP MEANT A LOT TO NIGERIA. THE CONVERSATION THEN TURNED TO THE COMMON HERITAGE WHICH THE US AND NIGERIA SHARED. IRONICALLY, NIGERIA, AS IT EMERGED AS AN AFRICAN LEADER, WAS NOW EXPERIENCING THE BARBS LONG FELT BY THE US IN ITS OWN LEADERSHIP ROLE. IN OBEBE'S WORDS, "WE DO OUR BEST TO INSURE INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND UNDERSTANTING BUT WE ARE ACCUSED OF IMPOSING OUR WILL ON OTHERS."

7. BEFORE THE MEETING I DISCUSSED THE KOREAN QUESTION WITH JAPANESE CHARGE' TAKASE AND HAVE SINCE GIVEN HIM A VERBAL SUMMARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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